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LEtters from *Italy* have brought us the following Particulars of the late Expedition of the Imperial Forces in *Italy* under the Command of General *Staremberg*; His Excellency, after having made several Motions to amuse the Duke of *Vendosme*, and oblige him to divide his Forces, passed over the River *Secchia* on the 26th of the last Month, and directed his March through the Countries of *Parma* and *Placentia*. He divided his Army into three Bodies, which were so disposed, that they could with all imaginable Facility and Expedition have joined together, if there had been occasion; The young Prince of *Vaudemont* commanded the first, General *Vaubonne* the second, and the third, which formed the Rear-Guard, was commanded by General *Staremberg* in Person: Their Numbers amounted to about 16000; and they had with them 4 Pieces of heavy Cannon, 16 Field-Pieces, and 200 Wagons laden with Provisions and Ammunition. The Duke of *Parma* supplied them with Provisions and Forage in their Passage through his Territories, where they did not commit the least Disorder. On the 2d Instant their Van-Guard, consisting of 2000 Foot, and 1500 Horse, came within two Miles of *Stradella*, and turned on the left up the Hill, and so down to *Brono*, and fell upon a Detachment of 400 Horse, and 50 Granadiers, of the Forces of *Milan*, which was posted there, and was entirely cut to pieces, except a Lieutenant and 22 private Men, who were taken Prisoners. The 3d they met not far from *Brono* with 200 *French* Horse, whom they attacked, and either killed, or took Prisoners, except 43, who escaped to *Tortona*, and most of them very much wounded; the rest were all killed on the spot. The same day the Van-Guard of our Army advanced to *Voghera*; and continuing their March the next morning, came on the 5th to *Castelnovo di Scrivia* and *Piovera*, within a small distance of *Alexandria*: They had taken with them from *Voghera* some Wagons drawn by 100 Oxen, having obliged the Magistrates of that Place to supply them therewith. There was also one *Carlo Arnaldi*, who had been very active in giving Intelligence to the *French*, and assisting them to intercept General *Visconti*, when he was marching with a Detachment of Imperial Horse to join the Duke of *Savoy*, and was actually present in the Engagement which the Enemy had with that General near *Serravalla*. This Man lived at *Voghera*, and absconded upon the Approach of our Troops, but the young Prince of *Vaudemont* obliged the Magistrates of that Place to find him out, and carried him away Prisoner. In the mean time the second Body of the Imperial Army came on the 3d before some Intrenchments which had been cast up by the Enemy at *Stradella*, and were defended by General *Santirana*, who had with him 200 *Spanish* Foot, and some Militia, commanded by about 80 *French* Officers; but after our Cannon had plaid upon these Intrenchments a very short time, our Troops forced them with Sword in hand, and some of the *French* Officers, with many of the *Spaniards*, were slain: The Militia threw down their Arms, and had quarter given them, and Liberty to return home. General *Santirana* retired with the rest of his Men into the Tower of *Stradella*, where he held out from two in the afternoon till 8 at night, notwithstanding the *Germans* kept continually firing upon him with their Cannon; and then he surrendred at Discretion; and he and all those who were with him remained Prisoners of War. The 4th, early in the morning, Monsieur *de Monray* marching with a Party of 500 *French* Horse towards *Brono*, was surrounded by the *German* Forces, and a very small number of the Enemy made their Escape to *Pavia*, the rest being either killed or taken Prisoners. The same day the Rearguard of the Imperial Army marched through *Stradella*; and till they were all passed by, a Party of 130 Dragoons remained in the Intrenchments at *Stradella*, to amuse the Duke of *Vendosme*, who was following our Troops close at the heels with 5000 Foot and 1500 Horse; and to make him believe that they designed to make good that Post. The Duke of *Vendosme* with this Detachment, which was followed by a greater number of his Troops, came the 3d to *Sarmato*, and from thence to *Castello San Giovanni*, where being informed of our Troops having forced the Intrenchments at *Stradella*, he hastened thither, and our Dragoons remained them long enough to give the Enemy several Discharges of their small Arms, and then retired, having spoiled the Roads behind them, and cut down many great Trees, and done what they could to hinder the *French* in their March. The Imperial Forces being all rejoined at *Voghera*, marched from thence the 6th, and on the 9th arrived on the Banks of the River *Bormia*, which they found very much swelled by the late Rains; And it was expected that the Marshal *de Thesse*, in pursuance of the Orders which the Duke of *Vendosme* had sent him, would have met them there with a Body of Troops from the *Milanese* to hinder their Passage, while the Duke should attack their Rear; but their Diligence prevented the Enemy. The Marshal was not yet come up with his Detachment; and the Duke having been obliged to halt at *Voghera*, as well to refresh those Troops he had with him, as to give time to the rest to come up, the *Germans* would have passed this River also without any opposition, and accomplished their Design without any considerable Loss, if the Bridge they had built for that purpose had not unfortunately broke on the 10th, when about 3000 of them were yet behind, who were commanded by the Prince of *Lichtenstein* and General *Solari*. All possible Diligence was used to repair the Bridge, but before that could be done, a Body of the *French* Troops came up, and our Generals being too eager to engage the Enemy, quitted the Intrenchment which had been cast up to secure our Bridge, and were both killed: In the mean time our Forces on the other side of the River plaid upon the Enemy with 7 Pieces of Cannon; and 4 Regiments of Horse swam over the River to support our Men who by their Assistance repulsed the Enemy, and took from them 4 Pieces of Cannon. Our Loss in this Action (besides the Misfortune of the Death of the two Generals above-named) does not amount to above 250 Men; and of the Enemy 300 were killed, and 400 were taken Prisoners. The Bridge being repaired, our Troops passed over the River, without any opposition; and General *Staremberg* hoped in a day or two to join with the Duke of *Savoy*, who was marching with a Body of 3500 Horse, and 8000 Foot, in order to meet him. The *Germans* throughout their March observed a very exact Discipline; but the *French*, on the contrary, committed great Disorders; and, among other Places, plundered the Town of *Voghera*, upon pretence that the Inhabitants had assisted the Imperialists.

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